

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 21, 2016 A.D.**

I **HEREBY CERTIFY, THAT** at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 21st day of January, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, Tim Russert instituted the *Sister Lucille Socciarelli / Father John Sturm Making a Difference Award* in 2001, and through a video presentation has given this award each year to outstanding teachers for their dedication and service to Catholic education and the students it serves. His son, Luke, continues his father's presentation today; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith MacDonald, who has served as principal of Southtowns Catholic School of St. John Paul II Parish, Lake View, New York for the past 13 years, has been selected to receive the *2016 Sister Lucille Socciarelli/Father John Sturm Making a Difference Award* from the Diocese of Buffalo at the gala celebration of Catholic education at the Buffalo Convention Center on Thursday, January 28, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith MacDonald holds a master's degree in administration from Canisius College, as well as a Bachelor of Professional Studies from Empire State College. Her children and grandchildren have all received Catholic educations, in addition to the numerous students she has influenced, proving her commitment to the spiritual, moral and academic development, and achievement of students; and

**WHEREAS**, Judith MacDonald's entire professional career, which spans over 33 years, has been in the ministry of Catholic education. Prior to becoming principal at Southtowns Catholic School, she served as the director of Catholic Elementary Schools for the Diocese of Buffalo (1997-2002), adjunct professor in non-public school administration at Canisius College (1999-2002), principal of SS. Peter & Paul School, Hamburg (1992-1997), art teacher and assistant principal at SS. Peter & Paul School (1987-1992), and kindergarten through grade 6 art teacher at Immaculate Conception School, Eden (1982-1987).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to declare Friday, January 29, 2016 as "Judith MacDonald Day" for her dedication to Catholic education in Erie County.

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Lynne M. Dixon  
Erie County Legislator – 9th District

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Karen McCarthy  
Clerk of the Legislature